

AGENDA

Sister Cities Commission

Thursday, February 28, 2008
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
7:00 PM

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Seating of Alternates**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Minutes: September 27, 2007 and January 24, 2008**
- V. Approval of Agenda**
- VI. Announcements/Correspondence**
- VII. Public Forum**

Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. Old Business

1. TAIWAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH

Background: At the September 2007 meeting, it was the consensus of the Commission to investigate the potential for a sister city relationship with a city in Taiwan. Commissioner Wan volunteered to investigate the possibility.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from Commissioner Wan.

2. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: STATUS REPORT ON SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background: A student delegation visited Milpitas January 20 – 26. The term of the Memorandum of Understanding between Milpitas and Huizhou runs through November 2008. A trip to Huizhou is being researched. Lead Commissioner: Chair Grilli.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from Lead Chair Grilli.

3. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILLIPINES: STATUS REPORT ON SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background: No visits between Dagupan and Milpitas are currently scheduled. The term of the Memorandum of Understanding between Milpitas and Dagupan runs through June 2009. Lead Commissioner: Mateo

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from Lead Commissioner Mateo.

4. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: STATUS REPORT ON SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

Background: Applications for host families and exchange students have been received. A visit to Tsukuba is planned for June 2008. The term of the Memorandum of Understanding between Milpitas and Tsukuba runs through December 2008. Lead Commissioner: Arthur

Recommendation: Receive status report from Lead Commissioner Arthur.

5. WESTERN EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH STATUS REPORT

Background: Commissioner Arefi is continuing research on the potential for a western European sister city. Lead Commissioner: Arefi

Recommendation: Receive update from Lead Commissioner Arefi.

6. STUDENT PARTICIPATION IDEAS

Background: Please read and be prepared to discuss the attachment entitled “Capacity Building Worksheet: How to Build and Sustain a Successful Youth Program”. Continue discussion about ideas to generate more student participation in Sister City visits.

Recommendation: Discuss and direct staff as appropriate.

IX. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

X. SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON REPORT

Xi. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sister City Relationships/Cultural Exchanges:
 - i. Huizhou City, China
 - ii. Dagupan City, Philippines
 - iii. Tsukuba City, Japan
2. Western European Sister City Research
3. Student Participation Ideas

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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